

### **REMARKS**

Claims 1-11, 13-17, 19-35, and 37-52 were pending in the above identified application. A Notice of Allowability allowing claims 1-11, 13-17, 21-30, 32-33, 35, 38, 40-44, and 46-40 was mailed on December 19, 2006. An office action in a related application, Application Serial No. 09/965,242, citing art that had not been cited in the present application, however, necessitated filing a Request for Continued Examination in the present application. A discussion with the Examiner with regard to the new art yielded further amendments to claims 1, 27, 44, and 46. Claims 1-11, 13-17, 21-30, 32-33, 35, 38, 40-44, and 46-50 remain pending after entry of these amendments

### **Interview**

Applicant thanks the Examiner for spending the time to discuss the proposed amendment to the claims in this application and the claims of the related application U.S. Application Serial No. 09/965,242 (the '242 application), which is a Continuation-in-Part of the present application. The phone interview was held on February 15, 2007, and was attended by Examiner Williams, Gary J. Edwards, and Peter J. Sallaway.

In particular, the McHale reference, which was cited against claims in the '242 application, was discussed with respect to the claims of the present application. The teachings of the McHale reference in relation to the amendments to the claims presented here were discussed.

**Conclusion**

Applicant respectfully requests that this Amendment be entered by the Examiner, placing claims 1-11, 13-17, 21-30, 32-33, 35, 38, 40-44, and 46-50 in condition for allowance.

Therefore, Applicant requests a new Notice of Allowability for claims 1-11, 13-17, 21-30, 32-33, 35, 38, 40-44, and 46-50.

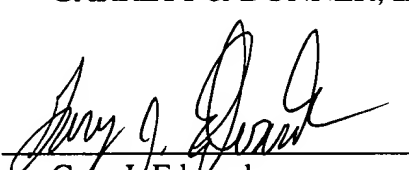
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Respectfully submitted,

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